Government of India for identification of a community i.e.; (i) Indications of primitive traits (ii) Distinctive culture (iii) Geographical isolation (iv) Shyness of contact with the community at large and (v) Social and economic backwardness

The Government on 15-6-1999 has approved the modalities for determining the claims for inclusion in, exculsion from and other modifications in the list of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. According to these modalities only those proposals, which have been recommended by the concerned State Government and the Registrar General of India as well as the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (now the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes) are to be considered and legislation amended.

The proposal for inclusion of Kol community in other State including Uttar Pradesh have been processed as per approved modalities.

Eviction of tribals

2089. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given permission to State Governments to evict tribals if they are to be displaced in small batches of 1500 at a time.

(b) if so, the details behind the background of fixing 1500 tribals as the number below which tribals can be displaced without waiting formal approval from Government;

(c) whether it is fact that displacement in Instalments is now allowed at Dam sites;

(d) whether World Bank has suggested this approach; and

(e) the details of this new policy?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Central Government follows the National Policy on Resettlement & Rehabilitation of Project Affected Families-2003 (NPRR-2003) which

applies to projects displacing 500 families or more en masse in plain areas or 250 families or more in hilly areas, Desert Development Programme (DDP) Blocks and areas mentioned in Schedule V and VI of the Constitution of India. Where any displacement of tribals is likely due to a project relating to irrigation or flood control, the project authorities are required to seek prior clearance of their resettlement & rehabilitation plan for the scheduled Tribe Project Affected Families from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

Study report on the Medora community of Andhra Pradesh for Tribal Status

2090. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a study report/response has been received by Government from the Anthropological Survey of India on the Medora Communities of Andhra Pradesh who have sought tribal Status;

(b) whether Government have been requested to forward this report to Andhra Pradesh Government;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to obtain opinion or view from the Andhra Pradesh Government; and

(d) the steps proposed to streamline such matter?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) No, Sir. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has not received any report from the Anthropological Survey of India on the Medora Communities of Andhra Pradesh. However, the Anthropological Survey of India has furnished a write-up on the Medora Community of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Displacement of tribals

2091. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total tribals that have been displaced by industries, mining and other Government and other establishments in Jharkhand;